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SUBJECT: US-JAPANESE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

1. IN AUG 31 DISCUSSION WITH BENNSKY (DIR. FSE) OF WHAT HE CALLED "FOLLOW-UP ON NIXON-TANAKA TALKS", OYAKE, DIR, MFA OFFICE MINERALS AND ENERGY, MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) LATER, NEAR OR AFTER COMPLETION OF OECD WORKING PARTY'S LABORS ON OIL SHARING, US AND JAPAN SHOULD HAVE BILATERAL MEETING TO SEEK ACCOMMODATION ON THEIR DIFFERING VIEWPOINTS, ESPECIALLY RE BASIS FOR SHARING -- I.E., OVERSEAS OIL TRADE AND ENERGY CONSUMPTION RESPECTIVELY.

(B) GOJ HAD STUDIED US DRAFT UMBRELLA ENERGY R & D AGREEMENT AND WOULD SOON PROPOSE MODIFICATIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR CENTRALIZED JAPANESE GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER CONCLUSION SPECIFIC PROJECT AGREEMENTS UNDER THE UMBRELLA.

(C) USG SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE BEGIN BILATERAL US-JAPANESE CONSULTATIONS IN WHICH GOJ HAS RECENTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPRESSED INTEREST AT HIGH LEVELS. UNDER SEC CASEY'S

SEPTEMBER VISIT TOKYO FOR GATT MEETINGS, WHICH BENNSKY HAD BROUGHT TO HIS AND TOYONAGA'S (DIR. INTL. AFFAIRS, MITI AGENCY RESOURCES AND ENERGY) ATTENTION, OFFERED OPPORTUNITY FURTHER EXPLORE THIS. HE THOUGHT SUCH BILATERALS SHOULD BE CONTINUING OCCASIONS FOR INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, AS WELL AS SETTLE PROBLEMS AND ENGENDER COOPERATION, AT WORKING AND POLICY LEVELS. HE THOUGHT CASEY SHOULD SEE TSURUMI, DEPUTY VICE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN MFA, AND YAMAGATA, DIRECTOR GENERAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY AGENCY FOR MITI.

2. BENNSKY THINKS CASEY VISIT OFFERS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY GET US-JAPANESE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS OFF ON PRACTICAL ON-GOING COURSE THAT WILL SERVE TO MITIGATE CONFLICTS AND FOSTER COOPERATION OVER TIGHT ENERGY YEARS AHEAD. CONFLICTS INHERENT IN JAPANESE EFFORTS RIDE BOTH PRODUCER AND CONSUMER HORSES BECOMING MORE EVIDENT. THEREFORE, SEEMS USEFUL FOR US TO STABLISH CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THEM AND TO MAKE EFFORT BUILD AND MAINTAIN NEW OPEN CHANNELS FOR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATIVE ENDEAVORS.

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